PRESIDENT: I understood the Chief Secretary to say that there was one.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the reason why he was not selected finally?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reason cannot be stated here. The Selection Committee went into the question carefully and I cannot state the reasons which guided the Committee in the matter of selection.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the communities to which the selected candidates belong?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that now.

Transfer of Grant-in-aid Vaidyan, Chengannur.

16. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have not laid down the policy that no grant-in-aid *vaidyan* will be transferred from one place to another against his wish;

(*b*) if so, whether the recent transfer of *vaidyan* Mr. Madhava Kurup from Chengannur to Changanachery is consistent with this policy;

(*c*) whether there has been any complaint, either departmental or popular, against Mr. Kurup;

(*d*) whether Mr. Kurup has not protested against this transfer;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. Madhava Kurup had spent a considerable sum of money in building and equipping his *vaidyasala* at Chengannur and that he was very popular there; and

(*f*) the reasons which led to the transfer of Mr. Kurup and the action taken by the Government on the representations against the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such hard and fast rule has been laid down.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) The Director reported that there was no regular progress in the conduct of his *vaidyasala*, that the *Vaidyan* had no suitable building to house his *vaidyasala* and that the public confidence in him was waning.

(*d*) After handing over charge to his successor, *vaidyan* Mr Madhava Kurup took 2 months' leave and submitted a memorial praying for his retransfer.

(*e*) *Vaidyan* Mr. Madhava Kurup in his memorial to the Government has stated that he invested nearly Rs. 200 over his *vaidyasala*. With regard to the second part of the question, the answer is in the negative.

(*f*) With regard to the first part of the question, the member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 127.(*d*), page 459, Vol. IX, No. 8, of the Council Proceedings, asked by Mr. M. N. Pillai in

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

the last session of the Legislative Council. The representations regarding his retransfer were rejected as there were not sufficient grounds for the revision of the original order.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know if there is any Government proceedings in 1098 that *vaidyans* should not be transferred as a rule except on their own application or a complaint from the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the answer is given in part (*a*). No hard and fast rule is laid down.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Am I to understand that there is no such Government Proceedings?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is what I mean.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*), has the Director of Ayurveda remarked in any of his inspection notes that the *vaidyan* referred to was losing public confidence and that the *vaidyasala* was not situated in a suitable building and properly equipped?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information. The answer given is based on a report of the Director.

Increase of Grant to the Vaidyan at the Ezhumattur Visha Vaidyasala.

17. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients treated and cured in the *visha-vaidyasala* at Ezhumattur last year (1101) and the cost incurred by the *vaidyan* on poor in-patients who had to be fed in the *vaidyasala*;

(*b*) the monthly grant allowed to this *vaidyasala*;

(*c*) whether they are aware that tradition and popular opinion insist on *vishavaidyans* receiving no remuneration for their medical aid; and

(*d*) whether the Government will raise the grant now awarded for the *vaidyasala*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The numbers of patients treated and cured in the *vishavaidyasala* at Ezhumattur during the year 1101 were 2234 and 2223 respectively. As to the cost incurred by the *vaidyan* for treating patients, the Government have no concern, as it is only a grant-in-aid institution.

(*b*) Rs. 20.

(*c*) The Government have heard that there is some such tradition. They are not aware that popular opinion is against the receipt of remuneration by the *vishavaidyans*. The Government have not prohibited them from receiving remuneration.

(*d*) The claims of the *vaidyan* concerned will be considered when vacancies arise in the higher grades.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly